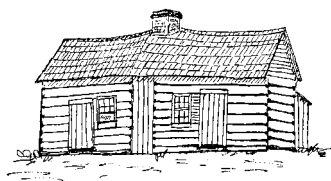
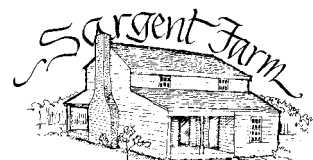


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## Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site



Volunteer Pioneers—Lincoln/Sargent Farm Foundation

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### THOMAS AND NANCY LINCOLN CELEBRATE THEIR 200TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY THIS MONTH

What kind of gift would you give to a couple celebrating their 200th wedding anniversary this month? I'm sure many who attended the recent reenactment of Thomas and Nancy Lincoln's wedding in Kentucky may have



Seasonal Interpreter Lisa McDaniel working on the noon day meal on the Lincoln Farm.

been wondering the same thing. In honor of the occasion, I thought it would be of interest to look at the surviving accounts of Thomas and Nancy's wedding day, June 12th, 1806.

Louis A. Warren in his book *Romance of Thomas and Nancy* lists likely attendants at the wedding as being: The Reverend Jesse Head who officiated for the bride and groom, the brides mother and step-father Lucy and Henry Sparrow, Elizabeth (her aunt) and Thomas Sparrow with

whom she lived, Polly Hanks (her aunt and mother of Dennis Hanks), Nancy (her aunt and mother of Squire Hall) and Levi Hall, and Richard and Polly Berry (Richard signed the marriage bond as Nancy's legal guardian.)

Thomas' side of the family would have been represented by Bathsheba Lincoln, Thomas' mother; Mordechi and Mary Lincoln and Josiah and Caty Lincoln, Thomas' brothers and their wives; Mary and Ralph Crume and Ann and William Brumfield, Thomas' sisters and their husbands.



435 motorcyclists arrived at Lincoln Log Cabin on the afternoon of June 3rd. The site was one of many stops on the 2006 Effingham County Sheriff's Ride which also included a stop at Greenup's covered bridge on the old national road.

Another wedding guest was Dr. Christopher C. Graham who is quoted in "The Early Life of Lincoln" by Ida Tarbell. "I saw Nancy



Some of the participants from the 2006 Effingham County Sheriff's Ride at Lincoln Log Cabin on June 3, 2006

Hanks Lincoln at her wedding, a fresh looking girl, I should say over twenty. Tom was a respectable mechanic and could choose...I was at the infare, too...We had bear meat...venison; wild turkey and ducks; eggs, wild and tame...maple sugar, swung on a string, to bite off for coffee or whiskey; syrup in big gourds; peach and honey; a sheep that the two families barbecued whole over coals of wood burned in a pit, and covered with green boughs to keep the juices in."

So, we wish Thomas and Nancy a happy anniversary, and we look forward to the upcoming bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth!

## ***KNITTY GRITTY***

### ***BY JOAN BAKER***

*Knitty Gritty*, that's the name of a program on the DIY Network that I enjoy. I started watching it while I was doing research for a knitting workshop that I was going to lead at Lincoln Log Cabin and have learned a lot from that show.

I first learned to knit around 1963. I loved it, and it was like I was off to the races. For several years, I took my knitting every time I went anywhere. I used to turn the map light on in the car and knit at night when we were going somewhere. I made sweaters, sweaters and sweaters. One year I made a sweater or knit vest for everyone on my Christmas list. I have made a few scarves.

By the time my son was born in 1968, I had slowed down quite a bit. I still did knit a few items for him, but by that time I had taught my mother to knit and she was knitting things for him. Since I came to Lincoln Log Cabin, I have revived my love for knit-

ting. I love it just as much as I did when I learned. I have made things I never dreamed I would make. I have made socks, zepharinas (headbands), and a tippet (capelet).

If you need patterns for anything, I would share with you what I have. I offer to help anyone with knitting that would like it. I would share up to the knowledge that I have. **KNIT ON!!!!**



### **Wanted: Submissions for the *Goosenest Prairie Gazette***

If you have an article, news items, photos, or period appropriate information to share, please email with a subject line of *Newsletter* to:

**[hpa.lincolnlog@illinois.gov](mailto:hpa.lincolnlog@illinois.gov)**



The 2006 Lincoln/Sargent Farm Foundation fundraising auction was held at Lincoln Log Cabin on Tuesday, June 13th.



Frank and Janet Fraembs at the Lincoln/Sargent Farm Foundation fundraiser.

### **Volunteer Pioneers Inc. 25th Anniversary Year**

Your VP Board is seeking help in planning the 25th anniversary celebration on Saturday, 7 October, 2006. If you would like to help plan this event please contact any of your VP Board members!

### ***SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF 'THE BEST OF LINCOLN AND DOUGLAS'***

Local Lincoln impersonator B.F. McClerren and Leonard Baldwin of Eldorado, Illinois, will present 'The Best of Lincoln and Douglas' Tuesday evening, June 27th at 7:30 pm in the auditorium of the Visitor Center. This evening program is a compellation of the best moments of the seven Lincoln Douglas debates held throughout Illinois in 1858.

B.F. McClerren, will portray Abraham Lincoln and has done so on numerous occasions; his debate opponent, Leonard Baldwin, has long been interested in the life of Stephen A. Douglass and will portray him publicly for the first time at Lincoln Log Cabin.

In Dr. William M. Chambers' introduction of Lincoln at the Charleston debate on September 18, 1858, he said, "No one here today can be ignorant of the momentous issues facing this country. The spread of slavery into the territories of Kansas and Nebraska threaten the very foundation of the republic."

While Lincoln lost his bid for the U.S. Senate seat to Douglas, Dr. Chambers' introduction of Lincoln spoke of the great divide in the nation, and in Illinois, which cumulated with session and Civil War less than three years later. Please join us for an informative look at the debates which



The Lincoln Cabin surrounded by spring flowers.

brought Abraham Lincoln to the forefront of the new Republican Party and national attention leading up to his election as president in 1860.

### ***ATTENTION ALL VISITOR CENTER RECEPTIONISTS***

If you are planning a summer vacation trip for yourself this year, please let Janet Fraembs know in advance so that replacements can be found for your times slots in the Visitor Center.



## 2006 VOLUNTEER PIONEER QUILT FUNDRAISER



The 2006 VP Fund-raiser Quilt is currently in the lobby of the Visitor Center awaiting quilting. Any and all quilters are encouraged to come in and work on it. *Remember*, we must have it ready to be raffled off during the Harvest Frolic in October.

Quilt tickets were distributed to all the volunteers present at last month's Pitch~In and will be on hand again this month. You may also pick them up in either the Visitor Center or the Gift shop. This is an important source of revenue for the volunteer programs and everyone's help is needed to sell enough tickets to make the effort worthwhile.



2006 VP Quilt the pattern name is 'Massachusetts'

Thanks go to Ramona Tomshack for cutting out and piecing this years quilt, she's also started working on next years quilt top so let's get stitching!

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### GOOSENEST PRAIRIE GIFTSHOP NEWS

We look forward to seeing all of the volunteers in the gift shop this summer. If you have time to help out, the gift shop is seeking additional volunteers to fill regularly scheduled slots and those who can help on an as-needed basis.

In stock now is a selection of sweatshirts and tee-shirts in all sizes and colors. New note and post cards by volunteer John Lichauer have just arrived, some of his newest feature our own piglets. Stop by and stock up, the cards offer you an opportunity to surprise your friends by using them for birthdays, anniversaries, get well or just thinking of you cards.

So bring your Volunteer Pioneer Bucks and share the 'gift' of your time, energy and love, courtesy of your Goose Nest Prairie Gift Shop at Lincoln Log Cabin



Paul Lanman and Sam Tabor at the Lincoln/Sargent Farm Foundation fundraiser.



Youth volunteers Victoria Wurtzler & Alyssa Roberts help prepare the noon meal.

### On Household Linens

"Gentleman's families generally have three and sometimes more qualities of sheeting. The finest and best for the spare beds; the second quality for the general use of the family; and the third, of a commoner kind for the servants."

*The Work Woman's Guide. 1838, By A Lady.*



L-R Don Moran, youth volunteer Adam Black, and Matt Cassady at the Lincoln's.

### GOOSENEST PRAIRIE GAZETTE NOTICES

JoAn Baker is seeking those interested in a Wednesday morning knitting bee at the site. Participants will meet in either the Lincoln Cabin or the Fiber Arts Studio. For more information call JoAn Baker or stop by each Wednesday morning.

Sewers are still needed to join us on Thursdays throughout the summer to mend and sew new period clothing. Remember, many hands make light work. Consider joining this dedicated group of volunteers, with over 60 youths in the summer program and twelve seasonal interpreters we need more than ever



## Upcoming Events at Lincoln Log Cabin

### **Lincoln/Sargent Farm Foundation Board Meeting**

Tuesday, June 20th, 2006 7:30 am Lower Level of the Visitor Center



**VP Board Meeting:** Tuesday, 20 June, 2006 6:00 pm Lower Level of the Visitor Center

**Pitch-In:** Tuesday, June 27th, 2006 6:30 pm at Lincoln Log Cabin (June's meeting will feature a best of Lincoln and Douglass presentation at 7:30 pm)

***"Taste of Summer"*** Saturday, 1 July 2006 10:00 am-4:00 pm Join us for a taste of summer, see the gardens in bloom and learn about the types of vegetables available to the mid 19th century gardener on Saturday, July 1st. Heirloom vegetables are in many cases much different than those available today - compare the differences between these and their modern counterparts. Afterwards, join us for an old fashioned corn boil and sample the fresh sweet corn.

**Charleston 4th of July Parade:** Plan on joining us for the annual parade in Charleston honoring our independence. In the 19th century, the observance of our nation's birthday was the most important holiday of the year, second only to the observance of George Washington's birthday. Matt Cassady and the volunteers in the Summer Youth Program will decorate the wagon for the parade with the theme of 'The Oregon Trail' **Parade begins at 1:00 pm on the Charleston Square, Participants should arrive no later than 12:45 pm**

**Bagelfest Parade:** Saturday, 22 July 2006. Matt Cassady and the volunteers in the Summer Youth Program will decorate the wagon for the parade with the theme of 'The Oregon Trail' Mattoon residents are especially encouraged to 'Go West' with us! **Parade begins at 10:00 am, please meet at the County Market parking lot in Mattoon by 9:30 am.**

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